

Writing Process Paper

Research and Writing

Research shows that each person has a unique process for writing. The purpose of this assignment is to help you determine your own writing process in order to reveal strengths and weaknesses. You will use your analysis of your writing process to create writing goals for yourself this semester. Be honest in your reflection; there are no right or wrong answers.

You will be examining the following things in this paper:

- Who you are and how that affects your writing style and process
- Why you write and how that affects your writing style and process
- How you go through the steps of the Writing Process
- The things that help you write
- The strengths of your current writing practice
- The weaknesses of your current writing practice
- The aspects of your current writing practice you would like to change to become a better writer

Prewriting

Answer the following questions.

Who are you?:

- What roles do you play in your daily life?
- What good and bad experiences have you had with writing in the past?
- What kind of person are you?
- What kind of thinker/learner are you?
- How do the answers to these questions affect the way you currently approach writing?

Why do you write?:

- What types of writing do you do or have you done?
- Why do you write?
- What is your favorite/least favorite writing situation?
- How do the answers to these questions affect the way you currently approach writing?

What is your writing process?:

- How do you gather your thoughts before actually beginning a draft?
- How do you go about making a first draft?
- How do you go about identifying things that need to be changed in that initial draft?

What things help you write?:

- What tools do you use when you write?
- Where do you feel most comfortable writing?
- What time of the day do you write best?

What are the strengths of your current writing practice?:

- Which things seem to be good about the way you currently write? Why?

What are the weaknesses of your current writing practice?:

- Which things seem to be not working well in the way you currently write? Why?

What are your writing goals?:

- What things would you like to work on improving after taking this critical look at your writing process?
- How will you go about changing those things?

Drafting

Use the notes you compiled in the previous step to create a first draft of your writing process paper. Be sure to add an introduction, a conclusion, and transitions.

Revising/Editing

Bring a typed copy of this draft for revision on Friday.

Finalizing

After taking into consideration the comments of your writing group, make any changes you want to make for your final draft.